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January Clearance Sale

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on all Men's, Young Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits.

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on all Men's, Young Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats. Every article in the store at a reduced price.

B. DICKINSON & CO.

123 East Center Street

RESTING ON
THEIR OARS

Awaiting Action of the Telephone Company.

FARMERS MEAN BUSINESS

And Some Interesting Developments Expected.

Residents of Rural Districts Want Same Rate as LaRue Subscribers Also a Better Service.

"We are merely awaiting the action of the Telephone company and if it ignores our resolutions entirely and takes no definite steps towards settlement before the fifteenth of the month we will at once commence a canvass of the county securing all telephone subscribers signature and then perhaps our plea will be observed," said W. A. Lucas, president of the Farmer's organization Thursday when interviewed regarding the contention which has arisen between country subscribers and the Citizen's Telephone company.

When asked what constituted the main cause of such a remonstrance on the part of the farmers, Mr. Lucas stated that it was not so much the time which the company intends to impose for slow payments but the fact that the subscribers of LaRue have received their 'phones for a rental of \$15 for the past two years while the Marion subscribers have been compelled to pay \$18.

The Telephone company has taken no action whatever in the matter but it is understood that it will be thoroughly discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the directors to be held next Wednesday.

A director of the company stated Thursday that he considered the demands of the farmers very unfair as the company has never made any money out of its country lines and service as has been given them is not surpassed or even equalled in any county in the state of Ohio.

"The farmers are merely chopping off their own heads when they enter into such a combine for there isn't a telephone company on the face of the earth that will lower its rates to a losing basis and in case such protests becomes general telephone monopoly must necessarily result and then rates will soar to unlimited heights," declared the director. He furthermore stated that the reason why the LaRue subscribers have been charged only \$15 is because there is only about twenty Citizen's 'phones in and around that village and consequently the subscribers haven't enough the service that has a Marion county subscriber.

Late Thursday afternoon the officers of the farmer's organization asked that the following article be published in answer to Mr. Guthery's statements in Wednesday's Star:

"We do not consider it unfair to ask that the Marion county telephone company to cut prices to \$15 when the said company has for the past two years furnished first class service to its subscribers in LaRue for said amount. Furthermore that it is very inconvenient to be placed on an eight party line where sometimes it is impossible to get central for from two minutes to a hour and then be limited to a three minute talk. We do not consider it more expensive to build a line from 7 to 8 miles in length, in the country for eight subscribers than to build one from one to two miles in the city, for one subscriber. However we do not consider Mr. Guthery's statements in Wednesday's Star official and await his official answer to our resolutions, immediately after the meeting of the board of directors of said company on Wednesday, Jan. 9." Signed—

W. A. LUCAS, President.

APPLE BUTTER!

The Pure Food Law demands everything pure. We have it Apple Butter 25c, 35c Jar, at

F. J. LUSCH

GROCER.

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BOTH PHONES

Now Is the Time
and This Is the Place

Our Anniversary Sale is in full blast, the greatest ever.

All goods cut in price.

Men's and Boys' Sweaters 1-2 price.

Canvas Gloves, 2 pairs for 5c.

All Suits and Overcoats from 20% to 30% of a cut.

Come in and look them over.

HUGHS & CLEARY

SOCIETY
and
WOMAN'S
WORK

At a large and beautiful appointed card party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haberman, last evening, Mrs. William R. Bingham of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and Dr. and Mrs. Chester Carlisle, of Willard New York, were honored guests.

An informal reception was followed by an interesting card series, sixteen tables of five hundred having been played. Mrs. Stewart F. Godden was favored of fortune in holding high score for the ladies, while Mr. William Nelson carried off the gentle men's honors.

Clusters of deep crimson carnations banked with growing ferns and palms were the attractive house decorations. A dainty luncheon was served at half after ten.

Present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Sugarman, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. James Allen, of Ravenna.

The Fortnightly club met regularly Wednesday with Mrs. E. J. Stanley, of Columbia street, west.

The afternoon was a thoroughly pleasurable one, embroidery and a dainty spread being among its de lightful features.

Club guests were Mrs. Stewart, of Urbana, Mrs. Charles Pace and Mrs. D. R. Winters, of Caledonia; Mes. James D. R. Crissinger, James B. Layton, Arthur Bryant, George Von Stein, Christian Melley and William Tracey.

The Weekly Literary club did not meet last night, owing to the absence from the city of a number of the members. The club will be entertained next Wednesday night by Forest Shields, of East Church st. An excellent program will be rendered on this occasion.

Miss Ethel Krause was hostess to the members of her bridge club Wednesday afternoon.

At a delightful meeting of the Embroider club yesterday afternoon Miss Jessie Fisher, of Prospect street, north was the hostess.

Social amusements of the most formal nature, while away the hours until twilight, when a dainty tea was served.

Non-resident members present were Miss Carrie Linsley, of Chicago, Ill. and Mrs. Camnitz (Anna Van Demark) of New York City.

Mrs. R. O. Dolson, South Prospect street, was the Ladies' Embroidery Circle of yesterday. At the close of a pleasant and profitable season with embroidery, a delicious buffet luncheon was served.

Mrs. Dolson's guest other than club members were Mrs. Victor Gilmore, of Marietta, and Mrs. James B. Layton.

Honoring Miss Genus MacFarland, of Columbus, guest of Miss Cora Vlyden, of St. James street, Mr. Walter J. Cope delightfully entertained at cards at his home on Olney Avenue Wednesday evening. The company of guests numbered twenty.

The evening was devoted to progressive pedro and after an interesting season, the honors were divided by Mr. Rex Andrews and Miss Isiah Rhodes. Light refreshments and several musical selections by Prof. Frederick Berryman, were concluding features.

Honoring her birthday anniversary, very pleasant surprise was perpetrated upon Mrs. DeLos DeWolf, by a company of guests, numbering twenty

at her home on East Farming street Wednesday night. The evening passed pleasantly at music and social intercourse. The out-of-town guests present were Mr. Samuel Rieger, of New York City, and Mrs. Colepapp, of Toledo.

A very delightful social event of last evening was the stag card party given by R. M. Shute, at his home on East Church street. Mr. Shute was host to twenty-two of his gentlemen friends. Progressive evenup was the game of the evening and H. W. Donithen was awarded the prize. Mr. Donithen won the small number of games of any of the players. At the conclusion of the card games, a fine Dutch lunch was served and the remainder of the evening was spent with music and other diversions.

The guests were: W. T. Smith, W. Fies, C. D. Walters, Charles Gompf, Elmer Schoenlaub, E. E. Bush, Fred Schaffer, Art. Bryant, F. E. Coon, W. Phillips, Dr. C. W. Cramer, Charles Hoberman, W. Gorton, S. Rosenberg, R. F. Sailer, B. Myers, Will Minshall, William Lusch, C. T. Kelley, Charles Smith, Hoke W. Donithen, G. W. McKinley and A. A. Gottschall.

Mr. Shute will entertain with another stag party this evening.

HEAVY PRECIPITATION

Over an Inch of Rain Fell Wednesday Night.

Over an inch of rain fell Wednesday night in this city and all over the county. The rain was accompanied by high winds and a generous amount of thunder and lightning. The damage from the latter was very slight.

The heavy rains following those of the past week have made most of the county streams raging torrents and several of the streams are out of their banks. Unless the rain ceases it is feared that considerable damage may be done by the floods.

The high winds and the electrical storm worked havoc with the telephone wires of both the Bell and Citizens' companies in this city and the county, putting many lines out of order and in some instances, bringing the wires to the ground. Both companies Thursday had large forces of men out making the necessary repairs.

Don't suffer with cold, clammy feet. Electropodes positively make them warm. Ask the druggist.

13-th

ARRESTED AT
DELAWARE

Otto Mahaffey and Will Mayse in Trouble.

CHARGED WITH STEALING

And Attempting to Depose of Horse and Buggy.

Rig had Been Rented From Clyde Sherman—Prisoners are Brought Back to Face Charge.

Attempting to sell a horse and buggy which they had rented from Clyde Sherman, of this city, Otto Mahaffey, aged 19 years and William Mayse, aged 22, of this city, were arrested Wednesday night by the police of Delaware.

The young men went to the Sherman livery barn early Wednesday evening and rented the rig for the purpose of driving a short distance east of Prospect where they said they intended to stay the night. They stated that they would return early Thursday morning.

Instead of stopping at the place they intended, Mahaffey and Mayse drove on to Delaware and going to a livery barn tried to sell the outfit for \$125. It was valued at \$200. The liveryman examined the rig and discovered the horse was the same one he tried to purchase from Mr. Sherman several weeks ago. He told the boys to wait a minute and stepping inside to a telephone called the police who took Mahaffey and Mayse in charge.

Charged with stealing and attempting to dispose of the rig the young men admitted their guilt, saying that they wanted to sell the rig and go to Columbus where they both have sweethearts.

Both boys are well known in this city and their action comes as a surprise to the local police. Captain Worthington, of the local force went to Delaware Thursday morning and brought back the boys for a hearing before Mayor Schriff.

When the boys were brought here this afternoon Captain Worthington produced two revolvers that they had been relieved of by the Delaware police. Young Mahaffey had a picture in his pocket of Mrs. Winnie Hopkins, who formerly worked at the Dairy restaurant. He was en route to Columbus to see the woman when arrested in Delaware.

The mayor will give the case a hearing tonight.

Garrett Nestor, a monumental worker employed at the establishment of W. C. Haupt works, yesterday, forged a check on his employer for \$12 and skipped town.

Nestor cashed the check at the restaurant of Pen Mosier where he had been boarding.

Mr. Haupt this morning filed an affidavit against Nestor in the mayor's court and the police will make an effort to locate him.

Solomon Stant, an old soldier, claiming Washington C. H., as his home, was the first drunk to be arrested by the police this year. Stant was picked up at the corner of Main and Center streets last night charged with drunkenness, loitering and begging. He told the mayor this morning that he had been to Toledo to secure admittance to the Soldier's home but was refused and on his way back home he stopped over to see the city. The mayor told him that he must either continue on his way or go to the workhouse for thirty days. "I'm on my way" said Solomon as he bade adieu to the mayor and the chief.

The Missionary Circle of the First Baptist church met yesterday afternoon at the church on north Main street and held a very interesting session. The program was not carried out as arranged but the members spent the time discussing the missionary subjects of the month. The next meeting will be held on the first Monday in February.

IS IT ANY WONDER THIS STORE GROWS
SO RAPIDLY WHEN PRICES PREVAIL.

Ladies' 60c fine storm over-shoes 48c
Misses' rolled edge overshoes 48c
Children's rolled edge over-shoes 39c
Children's plain overshoes 25c
Misses' storm overshoes... 35c
Men's rubber boots .. \$1.98

Children's rubber boots \$1.25
Men's rolled edge duck rubber boots \$3.00
Misses' rubber boots .. \$1.48
Men's arctic, double sole \$1
Men's rolled edge arctic \$1.25
Men's felt lined arctic \$1.48
Men's high top 4-buckle arctic \$1.98

The Racket Store

RUBBERS are an inexpensive luxury—they pay for themselves. All styles are here—a large assortment of sizes and widths.

Plain Storm Cuban Heel High Cut Low Cut Sandal

SMART & WADDELL

20% Off
on BLANKETS and COMFORTS

The mild weather of this winter has left us with too many blankets and comforts. We don't want to carry them over. So have concluded to sacrifice all the profit. Buy now for they will never be cheaper.

\$1.00 Comforts or blankets for 80c
Men's 65c fleece lined underwear 39c
Men's duck coats 95c up
Men's wool socks per pair 15c
8c Flannels per yard 5c
January bargains in all departments.

THE ARK

145 and 147 South Main Street.
J. B. LAYTON.

GOING FAST

these specials are going fast. Better come in and lay in a supply before too late. We have added a few more to the list.

Burnham's Jellicon from 10c to 5c
None Such Quick Jell from 10c to 5c
Tooth picks from 5 to 2 1/2c
Come in and see these bargains. We deliver anywhere in the city.

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Agency for Wood's Boston CoffeeOur Big
January Sale

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Bring in your sale checks and get your premiums.

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Coats, Suits and Jack-ets just 1/2 Price.

All our Furs just 1/2 Price.

D. B. GOODSSELL

RETURNED TO
REFORMATORY

Chas. McClain Breaks His Parole.

GRAND LARCENY CHARGE

Hangs Over Man's Head at State Institution.

Breach of Warranty Suit Filed in Common Pleas Court—Injunction is Desired.

Charles McClain, arrested New Year's eve for the theft of a bicycle from E. A. Manahan, and bound over to court, was Thursday morning taken to the Mansfield reformatory. McClain was sent to the reformatory about three years ago on a grand larceny charge, it being proven that he had stolen some nicely carved headstones from the Haupt Monumental works.

He was paroled last October and has been in trouble several times since then, an investigation by Chief Cornwell developing the fact that he has repeatedly violated his parole since his release.

The Mansfield authorities were notified and a guard came over and took McClain back at 12:40 o'clock Thursday p. m. He is considered a troublesome man by the local police, and it is said that his record in the reformatory is such that it would not be a strong recommendation for his release any sooner than is necessary.

Through their attorney C. L. Justice, Arthur Jerew and wife Thursday filed a petition against John J. Parish and others. The petition alleges a breach of warranty, it being claimed that the plaintiffs purchased a piece of property in Glenwood addition of the defendants, and gave \$190 in cash and eleven notes for the remainder. It is claimed that this property was represented to them as being unincumbered, but the plaintiffs claim that they have since learned that the Home Building Savings and Loan company holds a mortgage against the property for \$100.

The plaintiffs assert that they are willing to redeem the property to Parish if he will return the money they have paid, together with the notes they gave, but the defendant refuses to do this.

It is therefore asked that an injunction be issued, restraining the defendants from disposing of any of the notes, and that the deed be set aside and the original payment returned to them.

Probate Judge Foster is in receipt of a letter from John W. Dunkle, of Pittsburgh asking for information relative to the petition for naturalization, presented by Giacchino Di Benedetto. The letter states that the office of the United States attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania has cancelled the papers of Benedetto, as having been fraudulently obtained. It is claimed they were issued by the probate court of this county on October 31, 1893.

Judge Foster has investigated the matter and finds absolutely no record of any such papers having been issued by the probate court.

The will of Hugh Durkin, late of Montgomery township, has been filed for probate. A hearing will be had on January 17.

Mrs. Austin's famous Panecake flour made from the three great staples of life, wheat, corn and rice.